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In re Application of Randall A. Addington et al. Serial No.

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**BOWLERS FINGER PAD SHIELD** For:

**DECISION ON PETITION** TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant's petition, filed September 15, 1999, requests that this application be rendered special for examination in that applicant is over sixty-five (65) years of age.

The petition has been reviewed and is found to be in compliance with the requirements for special status as set forth in Section 708.02(IV) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP).

PETITION GRANTED.

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